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TORSTEN HAGEN ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1771
S/6104 SERIAL NUMBER: 10/606,399) EXAMINER: R. SERGENT
FILED: JUNE 23, 2003)
TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION)
OF POLYISOCYANATES OF THE)
DIPHENYLMETHANE GROUP)
HAVING A REDUCED COLOR)
VALUE)

REPLY BRIEF

This Reply Brief is submitted to rebut certain arguments raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer mailed January 30, 2006.

On page 2 of the Examiner's Answer dated January 20, 2006, Section (3), Appellants acknowledge the corrected Status of Claims. In their Appeal Brief, Appellants inadvertently stated that Claim 20 was both rejected and allowed. The Examiner's statement that Claims 8, 18 and 21-24 are allowed is correct.

On page 3, section (9), paragraph 5, lines 5-7 the Examiner stated that:

"patentees disclose hindered phenols may be used as the reducing agent; and it is noted that the hindered phenol reducing agent also meets appellants' alcohol component".

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